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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: THE MALTA SUMMIT

1."ACCORDING TO CERTAIN WELL INFORMED SOURCES, AN INTERNAL SETTLEMENT TO THE RHODESIAN CONFLICT IS EVENTUALLY GOING TO BE REACHED, AND THIS IMMINENT POSSIBILITY OF A BREAKTHROUGH HAS GIVEN BRITISH FOREIGN OFFICE SECRETARY OWEN THE SHIVERS", STATES ASSISTANT EDITOR NTOTO WAKU EDITORIALY IN KINSHASA EVENING DAILY "ELIMA" JANUARY 31. EDITORIAL CLAIMS THAT THIS IS WHY SECRETARY OWEN HAS HURRIEDLY CALLED FOR THE MALTA SUMMIT. EDITOR NTOTO WAKU ALSO POINTS OUT THAT BECAUSE OF CRITICISM FROM ALL SIDES IN THE CONFLICT, THE BRITISH OFFICIAL IS SOMEWHAT BETWEEN THE DEVIL AND THE DEEP BLUE SEA, ADDING: "IT IS IN THIS DIFFICULT POSITION THAT DR. OWEN ATTEMPTS TO REVIVE THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PEACE PLAN FOR RHODESIA."

2. AFTER NOTING THAT SECRETARY OWEN HAS THE FULL SUPPORT OF THE EFFERVESCENT AMERICAN U.N, AMBASSADOR YOUNG WHO IS ALSO ATTENDING THE MALTA TALKS, EDITOR NTOTO WAKU WONDERS FOR HOW LONG THE DELEGATES WILL BE ABLE TO WORK TOGETHER AT THE NEGOTIATING TABLE . THE EDITORIAL

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INDICATES THAT WHAT THE RHODESIAN NATIONALISTS ARE OBJECTING TO ARE THE EXTENSIVE POWERS OF BRITISH COMMISSIONER-DESIGNATE FOR RHODESIA, LORD CARVER, NOT HIS PERSONALITY; THEY

(NATIONALISTS) ARE ALSO DEMANDING THE DISMANTLING OF THE RHODESIAN SECURITY FORCES AND THEIR REPLACEMENT BY THE BLACK NATIONALIST FORCES. BRITAIN, THE U.S. AND ESPECIALLY PRIME MINISTER IAN SMITH CANNOT ACCEPT THESE DEMANDS, HE SAYS.

3. "WILL DR. OWEN BE SUCCESSFUL IN HIS RACE AGAINST THE CLOCK TO REVIVE THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PEACE PLAN?" ASKS THE EDITOR, WHO WARNS: "IT SHOULD SIMPLY BE SAID THAT ANY FAILURE IN THE MALTA TAKS WILL HAVE CONSIDERABLE EFFECT ON ZIMBABWE'S FUTURE, ESPECIALLY IF THE TALKS BETWEEN PRIME MINISTER SMITH AND MODERATE BLACK LEADERS SUCCEED; NO MATTER WHICH ONE OF THE TWO POSSIBILITIES MATERIALIZES, THE RESULT WILL BE A STEPPED UP GUERRILLA WARFARE." ITEM.  
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